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1. /SUMMARY/. DG FAO TABLED 13 PAGE, 28 PARA. DOCUMENT COMMISSION I CONTAINING VIEWS DG AS TO WFC. IN INTRODUCING DOCUMENT WALTON CHARACTERIZED AS NOT SAME AS EITHER ALGIERS OR USG INITIATIVES BUT COMPATIBLE WITH BOTH. SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT FOLLOWS.

2. INTRODUCTION CONSISTING OF FIVE PARAS NOTES NON-ALIGNED ALGIERS DECLARATION, SECSTATE GA INITIATIVE, ACTION OF GA AND ECOSOC DECISION.

3. UNDER TITLE "ROLE OF PROPOSED SPECIAL CONFERENCE" PARA FIVE INTER-LAIA STATES: QUOTE. THE CONFERENCE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GA WOULD BE HELD 'UNDER UN AUSPICES.' WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM PROBLEMS RELATING TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ARE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF FAO. NEVERTHELESS THE DG ENDORSES THE IDEA OF A SPECIAL CONFERENCE AS A RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT WORLD FOOD PROBLEM,...CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHIN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR ALONE....UNQUOTE.

4. PARA. 8 SUGGESTS A TWO PHASE CONFERENCE, VIZ., ASSESSMENT PHASE AND ACTION PHASE. ASSESSMENT PHASE TREATED UNDER FOLLOWING RUBRICS: REVIEW OF DATA ON CURRENT FOOD CONSUMPTION LEVELS, (PARA. 9), POSSIBLE FUTURE EVOLUTION OF WORLD FOOD PROBLEM (PARAS 10, 11, 12 AND 13). NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION PHASE TREATED UNDER FOLLOWING RUBRICS: EXPANDING FOOD PRODUCTION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (PARA. 14), LIMITATION OF FOOD LOSSES (PARA. 15), WORLD FOOD SECURITY (PARAS. 16 AND 17), INTRNATIONAL TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT (PARA. 18).

5. IN RE ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE, PARA. 19 PROVIDES INTER ALIA QUOTE. WHILE THE CONFERENCE WOULD THUS BE CONVENED BY THE GA, THE FAO CONFERENCE WILL NO DOUBT WISH THE ORGANIZATION, AS THE AGENCY IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, TO BE ASSOCIATED IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER WITH THIS INITIATIVE. IN THE DG'S VIEW, SPECIFIC PROVISION MIGHT BE MADE FOR THE CONFERENCE TO BE ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY THE UN AND FAO, IN COOPERATION WITH UNCTAD AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE UN SYSTEM. UNQUOTE. PARA. 20 PROVIDES FOR JOINT APPOINTMENT OF A "SECRETARY GENERAL OR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" BY SYG AND DG AND RESPONSIBLE TO BOTH. UNCLASSIFIED

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FURTHER, DG PROPOSES CONFERENCE STAFF BE LOCATED AT FAO HEADQUARTERS.

6. IN PARA. 23 DG EXPRESSES VIEW THAT IDEAL SOLUTION RE PREPARATORY COM WOULD BE ESTABLISHMENT BY ECOSOC AND FAO COUNCIL JOINTLY BUT RECOGNIZES FAO CANNOT ACT IN TIME. DG THEREFORE PROPOSES PREPCOM BE DESIGNATED BY ECOSOC OR POSSIBLY BY GA ITSELF.

7. IN RE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, DG REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO
DRAW ON WORKING CAPITAL FUND UP TO FIVE-HUNDRED THOUSAND FOR
WFC.

8. COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL. WILL BE HAPPY TO SUPPLY
HAEC VERBA ANY PARTICULAR PARA. ADDRESSES SHOULD BE AWARE
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